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COUNTY FARM REPORT.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE COUNTY FARM, JANUARY 1, 1877.

LIVE STOCK.

4 pair oxen,	$600 00	
1 full blooded Ayrshire bull,	65 00	
1 Ayrshire and Jersey bull,	40 00	
24 milch cows,	1,200 00	
8 three years old heifers,	320 00	
3 yearling heifers,	100 00	
5 calves,	100 00	
1 pair work horses,	300 00	
1 bay horse,	175 00	
1 bay mare,	150 00	
1 W. Chester and Yorkshire boar,	30 00	
28 shoats,	235 00	
14 hogs,	263 00	
35 fowls,	17 50	
		$3,595 50

HAY AND GRAIN.

49 tons English hay,	$1,078 00	
9 " rowen hay,	180 00	
14 " stock hay,	210 00	
8 " oat and barley fodder,	160 00	
2 " swale hay,	16 00	
3¾ " barley and rye straw,	56 25	
425 bushels N. corn.	425 00	
240 " barley,	240 00	
6 tons shorts,	120 00	
		$2,485 25

MEATS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, GROCERIES, ETC.

4400	pounds fresh beef,	$242 00
4404	" " pork,	352 32
294	" " mutton,	11 76
23	barrels salt beef,	345 00
12	" " pork,	216 00
2	" " shoulders,	32 00
½	" " hams,	8 00
½	" " heads,	3 50
2	" " leans,	22 00
½	" " hocks,	9 00
48	" No. 1 baldwin apples,	60 00
23	" " 2 " "	23 00
345	gallons vinegar,	69 00
44	barrels cider,	66 00
37	cider casks,	55 50
4¼	barrels salted cucumbers,	34 00
70	bushels white beans,	210 00
3	" peas,	4 50
2	barrels family flour,	19 00
640	bushels potatoes,	640 00
35	" turnips,	14 00
5	" carrots,	2 50
28	" parsnips,	14 00
15	" beets,	7 50
7	" onions,	7 00
300	heads cabbage,	15 00
525	pounds bar soap,	36 75
21	" castile soap,	1 52
47	" tea,	18 80
39	" green tea,	21 35
144	" saleratus,	10 08
50	" ginger,	11 00
378	" granulated sugar,	47 25
70	" L. H. "	7 00
35	" starch,	2 45
88	" tobacco,	44 00
21	boxes salt,	4 62
3½	" mustard, 11½ pounds each,	10 00

1 box raisins,	$3 00	
25 pounds starch,	2 25	
21 bristol brick,	1 10	
2½ dozen brooms,	6 25	
87 dining plates,	8 70	
1½ dozen white bowls,	1 50	
1600 pounds salt fish,	50 72	
24 " candles,	3 60	
100 " mutton tallow,	7 50	
286 gallons molasses,	131 56	
58 barrels Eagle Mills flour,	406 00	
2 sacks butter salt,	6 00	
4 " rock "	2 80	
3 " C. F. "	3 50	
4 gallons sperm oil,	8 40	
2 quarts lard "	50	
22 gallons kerosene oil,	8 80	
50 pounds butter,	15 00	
284 " lard,	31 24	
20 " maple sugar,	3 00	
1½ gallons sweet cider,	3 00	
		$3,411 82
Live stock,	$3,595 50	
Hay and grain,	2,485 25	
		$6,080 75
		$9,492 57
Household furniture, bedding, crockery, glass, tin ware, wood and hardware, clothing, boots and shoes, hats, caps, wagons, sleighs, harnesses, farming tools, steam fittings, etc., etc., as per invoice book in possession of the clerk,		$10,280 08
Total amount of personal property at the county farm,		$19,772 65

COUNTY FARM RECEIPTS.

For articles sold from the farm and the amount paid into the County Treasury.

For board of paupers from towns,	$1,075 99
stock,	315 25
costs,	154 15
flour barrels,	76 12
produce,	62 37
hides,	49 08
tallow,	33 02
labor,	23 00
grain,	19 00
boots and shoes,	13 90
rags,	13 76
stoves,	10 00
lumber,	15 92
butter,	10 50
clothing,	4 12
cash,	3 35
	$1,879 53

COUNTY FARM EXPENDITURES.

From January to May Term, 1876.

Paid Allen & Woodworth, groceries,	$324 29
Wm. K. Baldwin, boots, shoes, clothing, etc.,	238 84
S. H. Dunbar, meats,	220 63
Wilton town taxes,	220 29
John Gregg, 1 pair oxen,	200 00
C. F. and G. S. Peavey, beef, etc.,	312 32
S. D. Chandler, flour,	162 50
David Whiting & Sons, meal,	142 05
Amoskeag Manf'g Co., dry goods,	140 35
J. H. Blake " "	131 36
C. B. & E. P. Dascomb, boots,	112 00

Paid G. G. Bumpus, car fare and expense,	$78 18
William B. Hunkins and wife, labor,	163 86
D. C. Chase, labor,	112 00
James H. Hunkins, labor,	112 00
John S. Webber, watchman,	81 00
N. K. Holt, labor,	40 00
Susan P. Hunkins, teacher,	51 86
Susan K. Webber, labor,	51 86
J. Fleeman, M. D., physician,	71 66
S. K. Foster, tin ware and labor,	98 93
H. Hopkins, sawing lumber, etc.,	93 04
Reed & Jackman, dry goods, etc.,	89 65
Brown, Seavey & Co., fresh fish,	81 25
Henry Stearns, meal,	80 60
Lewis Howard, hay,	66 95
William E. Rideout, coffins,	62 50
N. D. Foster, tin and wooden ware, etc.,	61 24
Barr & Co., hardware,	57 58
H. J. Chapman, clothing,	45 00
H. L. Emerson, double windows,	42 28
Geo. F. Barker, smith work,	40 88
Transportation,	40 37
Putnam Hartshorn, repairing boots and shoes,	36 33
Neville & Proctor, hardware and groceries,	36 16
Bedding & Batting Co., comfortables,	36 00
J. & C. Hesselton, mason work,	34 60
Tarbell & Sewall, groceries,	34 42
Runnells & Chase, clothing, etc.,	31 30
E. R. Hunkins, watchman,	31 00
A. W. Snow, beans and peas,	30 72
E. Nickerson & Co., salt fish,	30 50
George E. Pierce, labor,	30 00
J. H. Hutchinson, ladders,	29 10
A. E. Jaques, dry goods, etc.,	28 49
J. A. Devereaux & Co., steam pipe, etc.,	22 33
Nathan Barker, grinding,	26 30
Morrill & Co., express,	22 70
Rev. I. S. Lincoln, chaplain,	20 00
Lewis Tingley, repairing harnesses,	11 55
Charles C. Spaulding, beef,	19 20

Paid Francis Baker, salt,	$18 70
R. H. Wilder, crackers,	15 00
A. B. Flint, repairing carriages,	14 50
H. N. Gray, smith work,	12 23
Edwin Lynch, horse baiting,	11 50
J. Langdell, horse hire,	9 00
Moore & Langley, bill heads,	6 50
A. O. Barker, wood, etc.,	7 20
L. Farnsworth, bedstead irons,	5 90
Nashua Lock Co., locks,	3 91
Alvah Walker & Co., lard oil,	3 75
Walworth Manf'g Co., felting,	2 72
Weeks & Potter, insect powder,	2 25
A. J. Putnam & Co., smith work,	2 10
Allen Smith, use of jackscrews,	2 00
E. J. Rideout, charcoal,	2 00
Fisher & Son, pump tubes,	1 60

From May to September Term, 1876.

Paid J. B. Perkins & Co., lightning rods,	$532 40
S. H. Dunbar, meats,	327 44
Henry Stearns, flour, grain and seeds,	255 04
S. D. Chandler, flour,	226 50
Tarbell & Sewall, superphosphate, etc.,	208 95
Union Oil Co., soap stock,	141 46
Marshall Brothers, beans,	112 65
Crawford & Anderson, dry goods,	97 66
Barr & Co., hardware, etc.,	83 51
Brown & Seavey, fresh fish,	73 10
G. G. Bumpus, car fare, expenses, etc.,	70 50
William B. Hunkins and wife, labor,	156 72
James H. Hunkins, labor,	104 00
N. K. Holt, labor,	104 00
John S. Webber, watchman,	104 00
Charles A. Thompson, labor,	92 00
J. Fleeman, M. D., physician,	66 66
S. K. Webber, labor,	52 72

Paid Susan P. Hunkins, teacher,	$51 00
Daniel Hanniford, labor,	40 00
James Garvin, fireman,	40 00
D. C. Chase, labor,	12 00
D. Whiting & Sons, meal,	117 54
W. H. Greenleaf & Co., groceries,	64 03
George W. Harris, boots and shoes	63 25
W. K. Baldwin, shoes and clothing,	57 11
Neville & Proctor, groceries, etc.,	56 14
George F. Barker, smith work,	51 16
John Gregg, 1 cow,	50 00
Henry J. Chapman, clothing,	45 50
H. N. Gray, smith work,	42 33
William Buxton, grass,	40 00
C. B. & C. P. Dascomb, boots,	39 00
E. J. Gutterson, 1 plough and repairing,	34 43
E. Nickerson & Co., salt fish,	30 50
C. F. & G. S. Peavey, beef,	30 17
A. E. Jaques, dry goods, etc.,	24 56
R. H. Wilder, crackers,	27 50
Transportation,	27 03
Harry H. Frye, hay, etc.,	24 81
Morrill & Co., express,	22 55
Nathan Barker, grinding and threshing,	21 95
John Giddings, grass,	20 00
Came & Osgood, labor on trees, etc.,	19 00
George L. Carter, groceries,	15 62
William N. Ryerson, potatoes,	15 00
Joseph Langdell, horse hire,	14 75
Melendy Brothers, lumber,	13 40
N. D. Foster, tin and wooden ware,	11 38
H. Hopkins, sawing lumber, etc.,	10 80
John Bragg, 4 days labor,	10 75
William E. Rideout, coffins,	10 00
O. A. Willey, coffin,	10 00
Rev. I. S. Lincoln, hay,	9 80
William S. Taggart, shoes,	9 80
Edward Lynch, horse baiting,	9 00
William Reed & Sons, handcuffs,	8 00
Henry N. Blanchard, painting,	8 00

Paid A. Dwight Abbot, plaster,	$7 05
Weeks & Potter, insect powder,	6 90
S. K. Foster, repairing tin ware,	6 54
Lewis Tingley, repairing harnesses,	6 50
F. Maguire & Co., lard oil,	6 00
J. A. Devereaux & Co., steam pipe,	4 55
J. Q. Flint, repairing carriages,	3 25
William O. Rogers & Co., lemons,	3 00
Henry L. Emerson, nails,	2 25
Bates & Putnam, smith work,	1 38
Putnam Hartshorn, repairing boots, etc.,	10 47

From September 1, 1876, *to January* 1, 1877.

Paid S. D. Chandler, flour and grain,	$1,115 72
C. F. & G. S. Peavey, meat,	567 00
S. H. Dunbar, meat,	367 13
William K. Baldwin, boots, shoes and groceries,	361 81
Crawford & Anderson, dry goods,	310 18
Runnells & Chase, clothing,	291 87
J. A. Devereaux & Co., steam piping,	240 41
D. Whiting & Sons, grain,	229 34
Tucker Manf'g Co., iron bedsteads,	225 00
J. & C. Hesselton, stone and mason work and stone,	205 16
C. F. Melendy, meats, etc.,	185 03
Nashua Bedding and Batting Co., comfortables,	183 00
Melendy & Brothers, lumber,	150 50
Allen & Woodworth, groceries,	136 75
Gregg & Fisher, carpenter work	128 25
Neville & Proctor, lime, cement and groceries,	101 14
G. G. Bumpus, car fare, expenses, etc.,	68 65
William B. Hunkins and wife, labor,	144 72
James H. Hunkins, labor,	104 00
N. K. Holt, labor,	104 00
John S. Webber, watchman,	104 00
Susan P. Hunkins, teacher,	52 28
Susan K. Webber, labor,	43 29

Paid Ella C. Lindsey, labor,	$20 57
J. Fleeman, M. D., medical services,	67 66
James Garvin, fireman,	40 00
Isaac Giddings, labor,	17 62
Charles Barrett, hay and straw,	164 31
George F. Barker, straw and smith work,	89 33
Brown, Seavey & Co, fresh fish,	95 05
Henry Stearns, flour and grain,	91 25
H. J. Chapman, clothing,	87 00
S. K. Foster, tin roofing,	85 85
Transportation,	73 45
Geo. W. Harris, boots and shoes,	73 30
Estate of J. Richardson, potatoes and straw,	62 87
William Buxton, beef,	62 92
E Nickerson & Co., salt fish,	61 00
Barr & Co., hardware,	55 86
Nashua Lock Company, locks,	51 40
H. N. Gray, smith work,	43 39
Morrill & Co., expressage,	47 30
C. B. & C. P. Dascomb, boots,	41 00
E. A. Ranger & Co., night cart body,	40 00
Howard & Co., furniture,	38 25
N. D. Foster, wood and tin ware, etc.,	36 21
Abiel Frye, use of pasture,	35 00
A. K. Woodbury, gravel roofing,	34 84
Jason Holt, potatoes,	34 30
John Bragg, wood,	32 85
Henry N. Blanchard, painting,	31 00
A. French & Co., crockery,	30 75
J. W. Stiles, beef,	29 20
Geo. W. Edwards, beef,	28 00
Thomas B. Vose, salt,	26 50
William E. Rideout, coffins,	21 00
George D. Neville, axes,	20 55
George A. Carter, groceries,	46 15
Putnam Hartshorn, repairing boots and shoes,	34 86
James H. Holt, making cider,	19 61
R. H. Wilder, crackers,	19 50
H. B. Putnam, scales and barrels,	18 00
Wm. Vincent & Co., ironing night cart,	18 00

Paid Daniel McCarty, potatoes,	$16 80
Reed & Jackman, dry goods,	16 35
George Whiting, beef,	15 95
B. S. Farrar, beef,	15 75
H. Hopkins, sawing lumber,	14 73
Joseph Langdell, conveying paupers to the farm,	12 50
Edward Lynch, horse baiting,	8 50
Henry Merrill, drag plank,	12 00
A. Buttrick, planing lumber,	11 91
Wm. C. Ingalls, painting sleigh,	10 50
J. Q. Flint, repairing carriages,	7 25
H. Trevitt, M. D., medicine,	7 60
L. Tingley, repairing harnesses,	8 30
Gregg & Sons, door,	4 25
H. H. Stickney, tripe,	4 25
E. S. Russell & Co., sweet oil,	3 00
D. J. Flanders, labor,	2 00
Henry A. Holt, repairing carriages,	1 62
Nathan Barker, grinding grain,	5 25
New England Farmer,	11 60
A. E. Jaques, newspapers and postage,	5 00
J. L. Chamberlain, brick,	8 50
Charles A. Thompson, labor,	6 50
G. G. Bumpus, salary one year,	1,000 00
	$17,088 99

RECAPITULATION.

Cash paid for all expenses at the County Farm, by the County Treasurer,	$17,088 99	
Estimated interest on real estate at cost,	1,660 50	
		$18,749 49
Inventory, January 1, 1876,	$21,574 16	
Inventory, January 1, 1877,	19,772 65	
Decrease of inventory,		1,801 51
		$20,551 00

Produce and stock sold, including board of paupers from towns, cost, labor, etc, and paid into the County Treasury, ...	$1,879 53
Balance against the Farm, ...	$18,671 47

There is included in the $18,671.47, $1,040.93 for building new privies, vaults for privies, of split stone, new piazza and steps for main building, new coils for heating, etc.

Number of weeks board furnished to inmates (not including hired help) for the year ending Dec. 31, 1876, is 10,012,—dividing that number into $18,671.47, the amount paid from the County Treasury,—cost of board will average about $1.86½ per week. Taking the amount, $18,671.47, deduct for building new privies, vaults, porch, steps, &c., will leave $17,631.48; dividing that amount by 10,012 weeks, will give a cost of about $1.76 per week.

The following statement shows the amount expended for the support of county paupers, each year, at the farm and off the farm, commencing the year 1864, exclusive of all sums paid for buildings and other permanent improvements, but including interest on the real estate:

	Aver'ge weekly number at farm.	Amount paid for paupers at farm.	Amount paid for paupers off farm.	Total.
Paid in 1864 . .	138 2-13	$9,455 53	$4,606 32	$14,061 85
" 1865 . .	133 1-2	10,662 64	4,253 49	14,916 13
" 1866 . .	129 1-2	10,419 75	4,118 68	14,538 43
" 1867 . .	91 1-2	9,827 40	4,408 88	14,236 26
" 1868 . .	96	11,122 89	4,817 97	14,940 86
" 1869 . .	115 1-2	11,804 18	4,463 80	16,267 98
" 1870 . .	107 1-7	8,627 43	4,657 76	13,285 19
" 1871 . .	111	9,333 49	4,922 16	14,255 65
" 1872 . .	118	9,287 80	5,791 52	15,079 32
" 1873 . .	133 38-52	12,651 62	7,578 00	20,229 62
" 1874 . .	160	12,664 58	9,505 80	22,170 38
" 1875 . .	157	12,686 17	12,235 48	24,921 65
" 1876 . .	192 1-2	17,631 48	19,641 13	37,272 61

June session, 1875, a law was passed abolishing all town settlements gained prior to the year 1860, and has relieved the towns from the support of some 150 persons, who have become a county charge, and accounts for the large increase of support paid for paupers off the farm.

EXPENSE OF COUNTY PAUPERS NOT AT THE FARM, FOR FIFTEEN YEARS, ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1876.

Towns.	1862.	1863.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Amherst	$307 52	$144 22	$183 51	$106 25	$217 73	$67 20	$94 25	$131 00	$20 00	$72 75	$133 14	$125 00	$68 00	$180 00	$294 50
Antrim	121 27	79 40	118 78	37 13	46 25	.....	45 14	89 05	55 75	104 50	47 00	34 50	133 39	212 10	337 55
Bedford	154 91	157 35	18 20	30 50	.....	18 02	94 80	17 00	3 00	7 50	15 00	8 50	34 00	96 00	221 00
Bennington	60 92	150 00	123 00	158 65	156 38	39 75	24 87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 75	147 25
Brookline	.....	.....	38 80	.....	66 56	13 00	13 00	89 68	.....	.....	17 89	272 97	265 50	239 19	123 60
Deering	164 50	200 16	205 62	92 75	109 77	111 90	94 00	151 70	104 07	57 00	111 92	88 50	147 00	257 49	170 23
Francestown	184 50	99 24	54 20	128 37	145 35	267 25	61 76	65 92	90 03	87 41	93 52	133 85	220 52	553 87	1,135 84
Goffstown	232 42	144 92	102 62	87 78	112 12	163 90	85 00	249 89	250 58	131 00	123 99	258 22	242 75	373 04	278 88
Greenfield	313 33	140 05	68 47	176 87	256 51	336 44	231 81	149 00	161 75	154 75	253 35	206 25	51 35	69 13	132 07
Greenville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	32 81	14 00
Hancock	188 88	61 00	59 25	52 00	52 00	99 76	108 33	292 11	167 75	237 92	173 50	243 33	156 00	202 00	3,074 34
Hillsborough	244 10	185 26	66 50	82 00	168 35	44 32	100 75	192 18	177 63	19 12	151 80	78 00	231 06	202 50	325 50
Hollis	33 12	13 00	33 67	8 50	2 00	26 50	23 84	39 62	8 00	4 00	19 25	41 08	126 85	90 50	119 31
Hudson	175 78	88 30	18 00	15 00	5 00	27 75	13 50	76 52	33 82	166 00	27 00	124 92	100 75	178 45	91 67
Lyndeboro'gh	148 26	113 00	33 00	9 00	12 00	55 83	59 14	119 59	131 20	244 60	317 29	97 20	171 50	134 83	182 81
Litchfield	.....	16 50	6 00	.....	7 00	.....	.....	102 50	53 78	58 38	51 86	35 00	.....	.....	9 86
Manchester	2,577 75	1,806 09	2,166 63	1,555 64	1,147 97	1,219 24	968 28	1,094 90	1,624 09	2,058 74	2,313 97	3,015 55	3,982 77	4,469 00	5,351 46
Mason	143 18	170 99	.....	175 02	326 25	130 93	87 78	129 89	81 35	63 00	135 79	92 12	109 37	149 97	106 25
Merrimack	57 51	86 92	53 85	20 00	33 59	35 50	87 30	41 36	91 05	33 58	41 58	189 24	185 71	472 03	178 95
Mont Vernon	201 34	79 80	41 37	26 00	26 05	8 50	86 80	40 25	59 40	67 50	67 50	34 74	.....	58 00	159 96
Milford	403 52	149 75	41 45	108 00	124 30	55 25	99 45	193 94	181 92	39 18	100 33	437 80	352 83	302 15	442 18
Nashua	1,683 51	1,319 28	870 27	766 59	473 23	678 60	608 30	463 77	403 84	642 65	947 55	1,055 00	1,805 88	2,110 36	3,785 12
New Boston	156 19	93 16	89 86	300 00	66 47	106 66	189 76	99 65	21 75	20 61	33 00	42 25	119 44	313 10	564 72
New Ipswich	706 10	566 44	43 30	57 45	105 81	396 40	50 85	20 00	.....	70 14	78 80	57 00	80 53	152 00	247 98
Pelham	108 72	20 00	.....	35 50	42 42	78 01	24 70	11 50	13 73	9 50	19 37	77 90	219 12	46 50	46 50
Peterborough	448 30	182 04	37 75	54 65	149 73	161 20	151 35	212 90	423 11	458 32	150 30	209 02	48 21	244 46	459 54
Sharon	3 32	8 78	.....	4 48	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	5 00	.....	13 75	.....	3 00	.....
Temple	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 28	152 14	52 00	53 00	72 00	51 00	68 50	.....	.....
Wilton	64 00	80 79	61 05	115 94	52 99	.....	.....	99 39	2 50	.....	58 78	154 75	64 50	101 50	81 44
Windsor	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 50	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	10 13	.....	24 75	39 00
Weare	196 75	167 29	211 21	172 80	173 35	266 95	386 84	133 85	336 66	94 01	238 03	330 42	420 27	888 00	1,151 62
	$9,125 86	$6,283 32	$4,606 32	$4,253 49	$4,118 68	$4,408 86	$3,817 97	$4,463 80	$4,657 76	$4,922 16	$5,791 52	$7,578 00	$9,505 80	$12,235 48	$19,641 13

For support of paupers in cities and towns	$19,641 13
For support of paupers at almshouse	17,631 48
Total amount paid for supporting paupers in 1876	$37,272 61

AMOUNT OF PRODUCE RAISED AT THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FARM IN 1876.

English hay,	65	tons.
Run hay,	7½	"
Rowen hay,	13½	"
Barley and oat fodder,	13¼	"
Barley straw,	4¼	"
Corn fodder,	45	"
Northern corn,	425	bushels.
Barley,	136	"
Potatoes,	1148	"
Beets,	35	"
Carrots,	36	"
Parsnips,	30	"
Turnips,	225	"
Onions,	12	"
Apples,	820	"
White beans,	35	"
Sweet corn,	12	"
Tomatoes,	12	"
Hog corn,	30	"
Cucumbers,	75	"
Squash,	1½	tons.
Pumpkins,	2	"
Cabbages,	700	heads.
Pork,	4120	pounds.
Beef, slaughtered from stock raised on the farm,	4199	"
Veal,	2822	"
Lard,	250	"
Tallow,	320	"
Butter,	2340	"
Eggs,	310	dozen.

STATISTICS OF INMATES OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ALMSHOUSE.

Number in Almshouse, January 1, 1876,	195
Admitted during the year,	237

Discharged during the year,	201
Supported and partially supported,	432
Births,	4
Deaths,	21
Weekly average,	192½
Number in Almshouse, January 1, 1877,	231
Children provided with homes,	4

NATIONALITIES.

Of the two hundred and thirty-seven admitted during the year 1876, there were:

Americans,	65
Irish,	146
French,	10
English,	7
Colored,	2
Germans,	1
Scotch,	3
Nova Scotia,	3
Total,	237

WHERE FROM.

Of the two hundred and thirty-seven admitted during the year 1876, there were from:

Manchester,	85
Nashua,	41
Transient,	34
Greenfield,	17
Hancock,	28
New Boston,	6
Peterborough,	3
Goffstown,	3
Born at the farm,	4
Lyndeborough,	3
Litchfield,	2
Brookline,	2
Greenville,	2
Antrim,	1

Wilton,	1
Mason,	1
Hillsborough,	1
Amherst,	1
Hudson,	1
Pelham,	1
Total,	237

AGES.

Number at Almshouse, January 1, 1877, 5 years old and under,	15
Number between 5 and 10 years,	4
" " 10 and 20 years,	21
" " 20 and 30 years,	33
" " 30 and 40 years,	40
" " 40 and 50 years,	38
" " 50 and 60 years,	26
" " 60 and 70 years,	27
" " 70 and 80 years,	17
" " 80 and 90 years,	10
Total,	231

INSANE AND IDIOTIC.

Insane and partially insane,	70
Idiotic,	35
Total,	105

WHOLE NUMBER OF INMATES.

Males,	143
Females,	88
Total,	231

Of the whole number in the house, January 1st, 1877, sixty-seven males and fifty-two females are not available for any kind of labor.

NOW AT THE FARM.

Of the two hundred and thirty-one remaining at the County Farm, January 1st, 1877, there were from:

Manchester,	79
Nashua,	36
Hancock,	25
Greenfield,	12
Peterborough,	11
New Boston,	9
Goffstown,	8
Antrim,	6
Lyndeborough,	5
New Ipswich,	5
Wilton,	5
Hillsborough,	4
Mason,	3
Amherst,	3
Unknown,	3
Hollis,	2
Milford,	2
Born at the farm,	2
Brookline,	2
Weare,	2
Litchfield,	2
Greenville,	1
Mont Vernon,	1
Deering,	1
Sharon,	1
Jaffrey,	1
Total,	231

OTHER STATISTICS.

Of the two hundred and thirty-one persons remaining January 1st, 1877, there were taken as boarders from towns:

From Goffstown,	5
Antrim,	1
Litchfield,	1
Total,	7

Of the sixty-two sentenced to the County House of Correction in 1876, there were:

From Manchester,	38
Nashua,	21
Greenville,	1
Brookline,	1
Antrim,	1
Total,	62

Of the sixty-two sentenced to the County House of Correction in 1876, there were:

Americans,	20
Irish,	40
English,	1
French,	1
Total,	62

Of the eleven remaining at the County House of Correction, January 1, 1877, there were:

From Manchester,	6
Nashua,	4
Antrim,	1
Total,	11

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Hillsborough County:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to make to you my annual report of the sanitary condition of the inmates of the Hillsborough County Almshouse, for the past year, ending January 1, 1877. The whole number cared for at the institution the past year is 432, a large part of them very old and infirm, and many of them in the last stages of disease. But considering the large number provided for, the health of the inmates has been remarkably good, although, of course, considerable sickness must occur among so many. No epidemic, with the exception of a few cases of typhoid fever, has invaded the institution. The prompt attention to the sick and the unwearied care of the Superintendent and Matron to the inmates, with the cleanliness in which the several apartments are always kept, does in a great degree prevent disease from intruding upon the inmates of the institution. To the Superintendent and Matron, I render many thanks for the kindness which they always manifest to the inmates under their care. The Commissioners I commend much for their zeal and interest to provide and make all of those unfortunate ones as well off as in their power to do. The insane inmates have enjoyed quite a degree of health the past year, and have been very comfortably provided for. For the large number that are now at the institution, the buildings are too small, and I trust in due time larger accommodations will be rendered if necessary. There have been twenty-one deaths the past year and four births. (See table below.)

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. FLEEMAN, Physician.

Wilton, January 1, 1877.

DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1876.

Date.	Names.	Age.	Disease.
January 4, 1876.	Benjamin Davis.	74 years.	Old age.
" 18, "	Ann Fitzgerald.	3 years.	Disease of the brain.
" 27, "	Lydia Clough.	72 years.	Debility.
Febru'y 16, "	Charles Haggett.	64 years.	Gangrene.
March 4, "	Mark Olcott.	74 years.	Decline.
" 18, "	James Connor.	2 years.	Urinary.
April 1, "	William Reed.	84 years.	Old age.
" 1, "	Ann Farrar.	76 years.	Palsy.
" 6, "	Charles Shaw.	53 years.	Insanity.
" 9, "	Jonathan Fellows.	90 years.	Old age.
" 15, "	William Johnson.	1 year.	Infantile.
May 15, "	William Stetson.	43 years.	Consumption.
July 14, "	Sarah E. Parker.	33 years.	Insanity.
" 17, "	Maria Wyman.	31 years.	Cancer.
" 22, "	William Holbrook.	31 years.	Insanity.
August 18, "	Woods Lee.	75 years.	Debility.
Novem'r 3, "	Daniel Hanaford.	60 years.	Pneumonia.
" 10, "	Caroline Clough.	72 years.	Erysipelas.
" 20, "	Joanna O. Donovan.	46 years.	Insanity.
Decem'r 20, "	Leonard N. Clough.	40 years.	Insanity.
" 20, "	David Sawtell.	70 years.	Palsy.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Commissioners of Hillsborough County:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to report that I have, as in preceding years, performed the customary duties of my office. On the fourth Sunday in the month, preaching at half past three o'clock P. M. and officiating at all funerals, when requested by those in charge of the institution. Good evidence continues to be exhibited that its interests are well cared for.

Respectfully submitted.

I. S. LINCOLN, Chaplain.

Wilton, January 1st, 1877.

MATRON'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners for Hillsborough County:

Thinking that some remarks upon the condition of the departments that come particularly under my charge, as Matron of this institution, might be of interest to the public, I would speak first of the condition of the female insane. The comfort and health of this class of inmates has been so much improved since the building and completion of the new house for their use, that I cannot help expressing my feeling of happiness that they have now a home where they can be made as comfortable as their several conditions allow.

I desire to present my thanks to Hon. H. T. Morrill, W. W. Johnson, Esq., Mrs. I. S. Lincoln, Mrs. Dea. Livermore, and Mrs. Horton of Milford, for the gift of magazines, bound books, newspapers, etc., for the use of the inmates, and wish to suggest to any who may feel so disposed, to send reading material, and it will be thankfully received and highly appreciated by the inmates, and by myself in their behalf.

There are many aged and infirm whose hours pass wearily, and to whom reading is a source of pleasure and profit; also many who in their leisure hours from work, eagerly grasp anything readable. To all such, the contributions thus far made have been very welcome.

Thanking you for your always kind and courteous treatment of all the officers and inmates of this institution, I respectfully submit these remarks.

MRS. G. G. BUMPUS, Matron.

Hillsborough County Almshouse,
Wilton, January 10, 1877.

JAILER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Commissioners for Hillsborough County:

Number of prisoners in jail December 31st, 1875, .	67
Committed during the year 1876, ...	197
Total, ...	264
Discharged, ...	217
Leaving in Jail December 31st, 1876, . . .	47
Weekly average of prisoners from Dec. 31, 1875, to December 31st, 1876, ...	41.3
Fines and costs collected during the year, . .	$404 45

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. PIERCE, Jailer.

JAIL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY TERM, 1877.

May Term, 1876.

Paid Nathan H. Pierce, repairs of jail, ...	$79 84
Nathan H. Pierce, bill of clothing, ...	102 15
Nathan H. Pierce, board of prisoners, . .	1740 18
Head & Dowst, repairs, ...	27 90
Pike & Heald, repairs on stove, ...	18 34
E. G. Haynes, sewer pipe, ...	30 20
Dr. H. C. Canney, physician, .	15 00
G. W. Riddle, water bill at jail, ...	42 65

September Term.

Paid William Haley and others, for labor,	. .	$19 12
C. E. Eaton, tarring roof,	. . . .	20 00
A. C. Wallace, lumber for jail fence,	. .	128 26
H. E. Farrington, carpenter work,	. .	37 75
Ellis & Patterson, engineering,	. . .	2 00
Water bill,	. . . . .	59 66
Dickey & Young, coal,	. . . . .	131 25
E. P. Johnson, coal,	. . . . .	131 25
A. Dinsmore, lumber,	. . . . .	61 84
J. E. Colt, setting trees,	. . . . .	24 00
A. Blood, boiler for heating jail,	. . .	494 80
B. F. Fogg, piping and setting boiler,	. .	366 04
City of Manchester, for brick,	. . . .	20 25
J. Bennett, brick work,	. . . . .	48 62
J. G. Colt, sand and gravel,	. . . . .	19 50
Daniels & Co., hardware,	. . . . .	22 51
Holbrook, carpenter work,	. . . .	31 99
A. H. Lowell, iron work,	. . . . .	6 18
Drake & Carpenter, cement,	. . . .	20 90
J. B. Varick, paint, oil and iron,	. . .	104 78
Bunton, sharpening tools,	. . . .	33 37
N. H. Pierce, board of prisoners,	. . .	1838 76
" " clothing bill at jail,	. . .	104 25
" " conveying prisoners,	. . .	15 00
" " overseeing workshop,	. .	150 00
" " repairs at jail,	. . . . .	10 83

January Term.

Paid N. H. Pierce, board bill,	. . . . .	1632 32
" " clothing bill,	. . . . .	114 50
" " conveying prisoners,	. . .	169 50
" " incidental,	. . . . .	34 90
Total,	. . . . .	$7909 29

JAIL EXTENSION.

May Term, 1876.

Paid	G. W. Stevens, architect,	$25 00
	G. W. Stevens, iron work,	7 50
		$32 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

May Term, 1876.

Paid	Thomas G. Banks, conveying prisoners,	$56 00
	S. A. Richards, ½ fare W. Cunningham,	25 00
	Wm. O. Clough, conveying prisoners,	11 00
	C. W. Wallace, 3 children to Orphans' Home,	50 00
	A. L. Davis, plan of jail,	50 00
	City of Nashua, heating Register of Deeds, office,	62 50
	John Hadlock, expenses in Wallingford case,	50 00
	D. R. Prescott, conveying prisoners,	58 00
	R. M. Wallace, justice and sheriff fees,	22 46
	John Hadlock, justice and sheriff fees,	25 00

September Term, 1876.

Paid	T. B. Crowley, Probate Court,	$24 29
	W. O. Clough, conveying prisoners,	17 00
	D. R. Prescott, " "	26 00
	N. H. Pierce, " "	15 00
	Moses Sargent, detective, Wallingford case,	137 50
	Wm. B. Patten, conveying prisoners,	90 00

January Term, 1877.

Paid	H. H. Duncklee,	$47 00
	W. O. Clough, conveying prisoners,	50 00
	W. C. Brown, " "	40 00
	City of Nashua, officers, fees to Greenfield,	30 00
	City of Nashua, for liquor fines,	413 00

Paid City of Manchester, conveying prisoners,	.	$67 75
City of Manchester, officers, fees to Greenfield,		26 00
Morrison & Silsby, for paper,	. . . .	5 75
J. F. James, coroner's bill,	. . . .	167 08
Sulloway & Topliff, for M. Cilley,	. . .	30 00
Strafford County, for case of G. Frost,	. .	36 00
Jonathan Smith, for services,	. . . .	10 00
Wadleigh & Wallace, for services,	. . .	15 69
Sulloway & Topliff,	. . . . .	50 00
Total,	. . . . .	$1,708 02

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

May Term, 1876.

Paid H. T. Morrill,	. . . . .	$179 62
John Gregg,	. . . . .	143 65
G. W. Riddle,	. . . . .	308 25

September Term, 1876.

Paid H. T. Morrill,	. . . . .	171 95
John Gregg,	. . . . .	197 03
H. B. Putnam,	. . . . .	294 03

January Term, 1877.

Paid H. T. Morrill,	. . . . .	181 50
John Gregg,	. . . . .	181 20
H. B. Putnam,	. . . . .	329 60
		$1,986 83

SHERIFF'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

The Adjourned January Term, 1876.

Paid T. P. Pierce, for travel attending court,	. .	$2 16
" " for 3 days attendance as sheriff,	.	9 00

Paid T. P. Pierce,	for 3 days, D. L. Stevens as deputy sheriff, ...	7 50
" "	for 3 days, N. H. Pierce as deputy sheriff, ...	7 50
" "	for 6 days, J. S. Brown as messenger, ...	12 00
Bill of C. G. Hatch,	for services in the Milford bank robbery, ...	16 80

May Term, 1876.

Paid T. P. Pierce,	for travel attending court, . .	$1 44
" "	for 3 days attendance as sheriff, .	9 00
" "	for 5 days, H. B. Spalding as deputy sheriff, ...	12 50
" "	for 5 days, John Hadlock, deputy sheriff, ...	12 50
" "	for 4 days, E. R. Burtt, . .	10 00
" "	for Rev. Mr. Davis, . . .	1 00
" "	for G. K. Walker, messenger and wood, ...	21 50
" "	for committing three prisoners to State Prison, ...	30 00
" "	for 3 copies of commitments, .	6 00

September Term, 1876.

Paid Charles Scott,	for travel attending court, . .	$4 20
" "	for 34 days attendance as sheriff,	102 00
" "	for clergyman's fee, . . .	1 00
" "	for committing eleven prisoners to State Prison, . . .	110 00
" "	for committing one person to the Reform School, . . .	6 00
" "	for 35 days attendance of messenger, ...	70 00
" "	for 25 days attendance, D. Marshall as deputy sheriff, . .	62 50
" "	for 23 days, M. Buxton as deputy sheriff, ...	57 50

Paid Charles Scott, for 18 days, A. S. Eaton as deputy sheriff, . . .	$45 00
" " for Hastings, for meals for jurors, ...	12 00
Total, ...	$470 20

STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

May Term, 1876.

Paid M. V. B. Green, stationery, ...	$67 00
S. M. Morse, "	41 17
Moore & Langley, printing, ...	75 00
" " "	17 38
" " "	7 25
B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, printing, . .	14 50
Temple & Farrington, stationery, ...	11 96
C. F. Peasley, printing, ...	3 00

September Term, 1876.

Paid Moore & Langley, printing, ...	$53 00
H. R. Wheeler, "	20 00
" " "	21 75
Moore & Langley, "	81 75
M. V. B. Green, stationery, ...	59 45
G. A. Ramsdell, "	25 00
" " "	16 85
" " "	15 50
S. M. Morse, "	13 65

January Term, 1877.

Paid Moore & Langley, printing, ...	124 50
M. V. B. Green, ...	20 62
" "	40 89
H. R. Wheeler, stationery, ...	5 50
B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, ...	21 00
Total, ...	$756 72

STATE REFORM SCHOOL.

May Term, 1876.

Paid S. C. Coburn, for C. H. Fisher at Reform School,	$52 00
City of Manchester, support at the Reform School, Jan. 31, 1876,	1083 57
City of Manchester, April 30, 1876,	1143 05
Town of Goffstown, R. Stevens,	52 00
J. C. Ray, to April 30, 1876,	227 71

September Term, 1876.

Paid City of Manchester, July 31, 1876,	$941 69
J. C. Ray,	224 57
Town of Milford,	8 86

January Term, 1877.

Paid City of Manchester, Oct. 31, 1876,	$954 56
J. C. Ray, Oct. 31, 1876,	431 41
City of Nashua, Oct. 31, 1876,	148 85
Total,	$5,268 27

N. H. INSANE ASYLUM.

May Term, 1876.

Paid E. P. Brown, for Charles Shay,	$82 35
Dr. E. P. Brown, Superintendent to April 30,	709 44

September Term, 1876.

Paid J. P. Bancroft, from April 30 to August 31,	1,174 95

January Term, 1877.

Paid J. P. Bancroft, from August 31 to December 31,	607 19
Total,	$2,573 93

COURT HOUSE EXPENSES, 1876.

Paid E. P. Johnson, for coal,	$43 75
Dickey, Young & Co., for coal,	43 75
Water bill at Nashua,	5 25
January Term, 1877.	
Paid Water bill,	10 00
Total,	$102 65

COUNTY BUILDINGS.

May Term, 1876.

Paid Pennichuck Water Works,	$4 00
Howard & Copp, repairs,	3 05
Manchester Water Works,	10 00
Gas bill,	11 61
V. W. Fairbanks, care of fires,	46 00
C. A. Smith,	4 20
Fairbanks & Folsom,	5 12
Total,	$83 98

COUNTY RECORDS.

September Term, 1876.

Paid D. W. King, stationery,	$5 78
D. W. King, indexing,	298 72
D. W. King, gas bill,	16 50
January Term, 1877.	
Paid D. W. King, indexing,	114 85
Howard & Co., repairs,	2 10
Total,	$437 95

INVENTORY

OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH, JANUARY 1, 1877.

County farm and buildings at Wilton, (535 acres),	$27,675 00	
Personal property at the farm as per inventory,	21,574 16	
Jail building and lot at Manchester,	41,000 00	
		$90,249 16
Personal property at jail, viz:		
Oil carpeting,	$25 00	
2 stoves and pipe,	25 00	
1 cookstove and furniture,	75 00	
1 coal stove and pipe,	60 00	
1 stove,	30 00	
2 tables,	4 00	
14 wrist and leg shackles,	32 00	
1 set of chains,	4 00	
10 sets handcuffs,	45 00	
13 hammers,	21 00	
2 pickaxes,	3 00	
1 iron bar,	1 50	
1 wheelbarrow,	2 50	
6 shovels,	9 00	
37 points and drills,	5 50	
10 bedsteads,	17 50	
		$360 00

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Court and Board of Commissioners for the County:

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the County for the year ending December 31, 1876, as it appears upon the books of the Treasurer:

RECEIPTS

Balance in the treasury, January 1, 1876, . .	$10,578 02
Received of N. H. Pierce, jailer, for fines and costs,	843 94
N. H. Pierce, jailer, for labor of prisoners, ...	27 00
G. A. Ramsdell, for fines and costs, .	981 54
J. R. Miller, " " .	23 00
N. H. Wilson, " .	50 00
G. A. Ramsdell, for license fees, .	120 00
A. Tasker, " " .	10 00
George G. Bumpus, for board and for produce, etc., sold, . . .	2,452 17
from sale of shop at jail, . . .	325 00
of B. B. Whittemore, witness fees returned, ...	81 48
from bail forfeited in State vs. Dunn, .	200 00
of Nashua, pauper money returned, .	22 50
Weare, " " .	13 61
Manchester, " " .	55 50
County Commissioners, . . .	13 58
A. W. Fiske, pension, . . .	48 00
for support of pauper at asylum, . .	114 50
of G. A. Ramsdell, entry fees, fines, etc.,	678 52
County tax, ...	55,000 00

Received on note dated January 6, 1876,	. .	$15,000 00
" " January 21, 1876,	. .	8,000 00
" " March 24, 1876,	. .	5,000 00
" " May 1, 1876,	. . .	11,760 00
" " May 1, 1876,	. . .	1,000 00
" " May 6, 1876,	. . .	1,400 00
" " May 10, 1876,	. . .	2,000 00
" " September 6, 1876,	. .	1,000 00
" " October 12, 1876,	. .	5,000 00
Total receipts,	. . . . .	$121,798 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

January Term.

Paid State pay-roll,	. . . . .	$4,564 40
Jury pay-roll,	. . . . .	2,469 58
Pauper expense at County Farm,	. .	9,593 13
Pauper expense off County Farm,	. .	7,397 51
Jail expense,	. . . . .	3,196 55
Salaries and pay of officers,	. . . .	1,923 29
Printing and stationery,	. . . .	286 99
Interest and coupons,	. . . .	1,147 20
Referees' fees,	. . . . .	801 21
Jail extension,	. . . . .	6,071 21
Miscellaneous,	. . . . .	1,294 27
		$38,745 34

May Term.

Paid State pay-roll,	. . . . .	$678 98
Jury pay-roll,	. . . . .	314 34
Pauper expense at County Farm,	. . .	4,792 22
Pauper expense off County Farm,	. .	9,384 55
Jail expense,	. . . . .	2,056 16
Salaries and pay of officers,	. . . .	1,090 42
Printing and stationery,	. . . .	289 82
Interest and coupons,	. . . . .	153 60
Referees' fees,	. . . . .	171 50

Paid County buildings,	$146 48
Jail extension,	82 50
Miscellaneous,	397 47
	$19,558 04

September Term.

Paid State pay-roll,	$1,697 40
Jury pay-roll,	1,698 72
Pauper expense at County Farm,	4,408 39
Pauper expense off County Farm,	7,286 07
Jail expense,	2,103 84
Salaries and pay of officers,	1,375 75
Notes,	34,000 00
Printing and stationery,	265 41
Interest and coupons,	4,533 87
Referees' fees,	241 50
County buildings,	2,063 07
Miscellaneous,	760 91
	$60,434 93
Total disbursements,	$118,738 31
Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1876,	3,060 05
Total,	$121,798 36

COUNTY DEBT.

Statement of the debt of the County, December 31, 1876, as appears from the books:

	Principal.	Principal and interest.
Bonds, first issue	$20,000 00	$20,000 00
Bonds, second issue	20,000 00	20,000 00
Bonds, third issue	35,000 00	35,000 00
Interest on bonds		1,200 00
Note dated April 28, 1870	2,000 00	2,347 74
" May 11, 1870	400 00	416 60
" April 20, 1871	1,000 00	1,041 83
" May 2, 1871	1,500 00	1,559 75
" January 20, 1872	870 00	919 44
" January 10, 1873	2,000 00	2,117 00
" January 9, 1874	1,000 00	1,058 66

	Principal.	Principal and interest.
Note dated January 15, 1874	$1,500 00	$1,766 50
" January 27, 1874	2,550 00	2,997 95
" January 27, 1874	2,550 00	2,997 95
" February 25, 1874	700 00	819 70
" March 2, 1874	8,576 50	10,033 07
" March 2, 1874	2,451 10	2,867 37
" March 4, 1874	1,500 00	1,574 25
" May 9, 1874	1,000 00	1,038 66
" May 29, 1874	1,000 00	1,035 33
" January 8, 1875	3,000 00	3,176 50
" January 9, 1875	2,200 00	2,330 16
" January 21, 1876	8,000 00	8,453 33
" May 1, 1876	1,000 00	1,040 00
" May 6, 1876	1,400 00	1,454 83
" September 6, 1876	1,000 00	1,019 16
" October 12, 1876	5,000 00	5,065 83
		$133,331 61
Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1876		3,060 05
		$130,271 56

Total indebtedness, December 31, 1876 . .	$130,271 56
Total indebtedness, December 31, 1875 . .	104,430 84
Increase of debt, 1876	$25,840 72

HENRY E. BURNHAM, *County Treasurer.*

MANCHESTER, N. H., December 31, 1876.

REPORT OF THE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County present the following statement of the county affairs for the year ending December 31, 1876:

From the report of the County Treasurer, it will be seen that the total indebtedness of the County,

December 31, 1876, was	$130,271 56
December 31, 1875, was	104,430 84
Increase of debt in 1876, ...	$25,840 72

This large increase is accounted for by the increased length of the terms of court, by the increase of county paupers, both at and off the County Farm, and of the inmates of the Asylum, and by the increase of the interest account.

The expenses of the adjourned term of court, held for the second Major trial in the last part of 1875, have been included in this account to an amount exceeding two thousand dollars.

It is apparent that too small a sum has been raised by taxation for the past few years to meet the running expenses of the county, and it is only right and proper to say that the expenditures for the support of paupers off the farm, and at the farm, also, were very largely increased by the suspension of work upon the Manchester and Keene Railroad, by which a large number

of men were thrown upon the county for support, and as an instance of the increase, the town of Hancock may be cited, whose bills for paupers off the farm for 1875 was $202.00, while this year they were paid $3,074.34; and owing to the unusually hard times, it will be found that the expenses for the support of paupers off the farm has largely increased, Manchester and Nashua being more than $1000 each larger than last year, while the increase in small towns has nearly doubled, as will be seen by referring to expenses of the several cities and towns. This increase is occasioned by the law passed 1875, abolishing town settlements gained prior to 1860, relieving the towns from their support, which is now paid by the county.

The capacity of the County Farm has been thoroughly tested, 265 inmates having been accommodated at one time, there being 250 there at this time. Fifty of these are men from the railroad, and their being here has filled up room that might have been occupied by the poor, who are non-supported elsewhere. Consequently, although the increase in the debt may seem large, it is readily accounted for when the circumstances are understood.

The statistics which have usually been recapitulated here will be found in the body of the report, the County Farm, Reform School, Insane Asylum and Jail under their proper heads.

At the Jail during the year, the following permanent improvements have been made. A new boiler, purchased from Blood's Locomotive Works, has been put in for the purpose of heating the entire premises with steam, and works well, furnishing more heat with a less amount of fuel than was formerly used.

A new fence has been built around the yard lot, grading has been done, the barn shingled and buildings painted. All this is included in the miscellaneous report.

The County House of Correction, connected with the Jail, has had its portion of inmates as was contemplated by its establishment. It was designed for tramps, vagrants and such like inmates, and to relieve the jail from its over-crowded condition and save paying their board in the jail. The inmates have been kept at work hammering stone. Though the profit has not been large, the men have been kept busy and many have been kept from the jail.

COUNTY FARM.

We desire before entering upon the history of matters at the County Farm, to express our cordial appreciation of the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. Bumpus, the Superintendent and Matron, have discharged their perplexing and arduous duties during the year. Many unexpected obstacles presented themselves in the course of the year, and a largely increased family was the result of the hard times, and their management and general discharge of their duties are entirely satisfactory to the Commissioners.

There was expended during the year 1876, at the Hillsborough County Farm, the sum of $1,040.93 for improvements, and is included in County Farm Expenditures.

This amount was paid for building new privy vaults of split stone, laid in cement and securely bolted, covered walks, from the yard to the privies, new porch and steps for main building, and for new steam coils.

Previous to this year the privies have been located in the basement of the main building, in close proximity to the cook and wash rooms, and in a much-used passage-way. The odor necessarily arising from them has been very offensive, tainting the air through the whole house, and the demand for their removal was urgent. They are now placed at a proper distance from the buildings and covered walks to them have been constructed, so that the aged and infirm may go to them without exposure. Around these buildings and in rear of the main house, there has been built a tight board fence thirteen feet high, and so arranged as to separate the male and female buildings, and giving ample yard room for each and for the boys.

Before this year no means of heating the men's or women's attics and the prisoners' rooms had been provided, and they were the coldest apartments in the building. This winter steam coils have been introduced, and by their means the rooms are made very comfortable.

The expense upon the porch and steps was made necessary by the rotting of the timber, which supported them. They are now in condition to last many years.

By digging a ditch some 150 rods in length, and varying in depth from three to six feet, we have laid bare a bed of fine muck, sufficient to furnish from 200 to 500 cartloads per year

for twenty years or more, and it will prove a valuable addition to our manure, after having absorbed the urine from so many cows.

About seventy rods of substantial stone wall have been built on the west line of the farm, where a light board fence formerly stood, and was washed away almost every spring freshet.

The very crooked brook running through the intervale has been filled up, and its waters turned into a straight ditch dug for the purpose and carried direct to the pond, thus reclaiming a large amount of good grass and tillage land. This job, in connection with a large amount of drilling and blasting, was under taken to give employment to the large number of railroad men so unexpectedly thrown upon us.

Owing to the large number of persons sent to this institution during the Fall and Winter, the weekly average was increased and additional means had to be provided for their accommodation and rendered necessary an expenditure for new bedsteads, beds, bedding, etc.

Owing to the ravages of the potato bug, the crop of potatoes was reduced fully one-half, although efforts were made by hand picking and otherwise, to prevent the total loss of the crop.

The corn crop was the best ever raised on the farm since the county bought it. Upon 8½ acres was raised 856 baskets of sound corn, besides a large amount of pumpkins, squash, white beans, potatoes and a large quantity of corn fodder.

In 1875, 93 persons were sentenced to the County House of Correction, whereas this year only 62 were sentenced, reducing the number one-third. The number remaining January 1, 1877, is only about one-fourth what it was one year ago.

Owing to the dry season, the hay crop was not quite up to that of some years, although it exceeds that of 1875 by about fifteen tons.

From the large number of male inmates at the farm it would naturally be supposed that a large amount of work could be done by these people at a small cost, but if the physical and mental condition of most of them is taken into consideration, it is surprising that so much is accomplished. Many of the able-bodied seek the shelter furnished by the institution during the Winter months and when the Spring comes and they might by their labor pay for their support partially, they either run away

or grumble if compelled to remain, and require constant supervision to make their labor available.

A school has been maintained during most of the year, the number of scholars at this time being 27. Good improvement has been made considering the material to work upon. Mrs. Susie P. Hunkins, who has been connected with the institution for quite a number of years, being the teacher.

Should the number of paupers increase as it has done for several years past, we shall be obliged to provide additional accommodation and an extension of the main building will be necessary.

In consequence of the lack of standing wood on the premises, we are obliged to buy our wood, and shall be obliged to hereafter.

In closing, we return thanks to the several employes for their faithfulness in the discharge of their duties.

JOHN GREGG,
HIRAM T. MORRILL,
H. B. PUTNAM,
County Commissioners.

February 22, 1877.